

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method on a computer for generating a video email, the method comprising the steps of:
 - i. providing a set of a plurality of videos with identical content, wherein each of the videos is encoded to play on different video players and/or encoded with different video resolution-video for display on computer screen;
 - ii. providing at least one skin image for display with each of the plurality of videos on a computer screen;
 - iii. correlating the videos and the skin image positions in a pre-selected matrix to a conformity file which includes a plurality of video formats for different video players and different video resolutions -display on a computer;
 - iv. establishing a sender's email address;
 - v. establishing a subject heading for broadcasting a video email;
 - iv. sending an email to a recipient's computer;
 - v. receiving, in response to the email, a request from the recipient's computer with information about the recipient's computer to display a selected video from the set of a plurality of videos and the skin image; and
 - vi. selecting automatically from the conformity file using the information about the recipient's computer, a video from the set of videos for display on the recipient's computer.
 - v. creating a link to the skin image and a link to the video for integrated access and uploading; and
 - vi. creating the ability to fetch and display the skin image and the video for display on a computer screen of a recipient in the pre-selected matrix.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the video is stored at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the video is a file stored in a streaming server.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the skin image is stored at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the skin image is an animated file.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the video is stored at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site for integrated access and uploading.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the video and the skin image are stored at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site for integrated access and uploading.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a reply address is created as an alternate email address for correspondence.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein an action label is created in form of text or image connecting to at least one of a link, email address, web page, and IP address.

10-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method on a computer for placement of a video clip comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- [[i.]] creating an email to which is associated a video clip and an image file,
- [[ii.]] sending the email from an email sender to an email recipient
- [[iii.]] ~~enabling the image file to be displayed and the video clip to be played~~
~~automatically when the email arrives in the recipient's mailbox.~~
receiving, in response to the email, a request from the email recipient's computer
with information about the email recipient's computer to display a selected video from a

set of a plurality of videos and skin images, wherein each of the videos is encoded to play on different video players and/or encoded with different video resolution;
_____ selecting automatically from a conformity file using the information about the recipient's computer, a video from the set of videos for display on the recipient's computer, wherein the conformity file includes a plurality of video formats for different video players and different video resolutions; and
_____ displaying the video which is selected on the email recipient's computer.

18. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 wherein the video clip is sent as an attachment.

19. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 wherein the video clip plays automatically within the skin image file in a position defined on a computer screen by the email sender.

20. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 wherein the video clip and skin image are corrected to a pre-selected screen format identifying desired location for video playing on the email.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 wherein the video clip plays automatically when the email recipient clicks on a designated area of the skin image file as defined by the email sender.

23. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of creating a method for video popping up on a computer screen and playing automatically.

24. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of setting an alternate method of video playing on a pop up screen in the event video email recipient's computer and desktop settings prohibit automatic playing of the video.

25. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of the video playing automatically when email recipient clicks on a specified area of the skin image as specified by video email sender by popping up on a computer screen and playing automatically.

26. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of establishing authorized authentication, direct connection, and video access through an intelligent video streaming server for uploading of video file(s) to the intelligent video streaming server.

27. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 26 including the further step of providing an automated link and its automatic paste entry of video streaming code from the intelligent video streaming server into the video clip input field.

28. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of establishing an input link to at least one of an IP specific address, a streaming server and a web site where video file is located for entering designated location of video file(s).

29. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of creating the ability for input link to video files based on formats available from Microsoft Media Player Format, Real Network's Real One Formats, Apple Quick Time Formats, Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) Formats, and Macromedia Flash Formats.

30. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of establishing variable video formats for broadband and modem connection and broadcasting streamed from at least one of an intelligent video streaming server, a designated IP Address, a video streaming server and a web site.

31. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of providing capabilities for secured and firewall sites to view video.

32. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of establishing exception rules for unified display of video email for public (POP) email account sites including Yahoo, Hotmail, AOL, MSN, and other public email sites limited to Internet browser access only.

33. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of creating provisions for video access on a computer screen when a video email recipient's program does not support scripted programming language displaying video on a computer screen.

34. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of showing hyperlinks to designated a video location where no known video format or player is installed on video email recipient's computer disk or is prohibited by desktop settings.

35. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of creating an input text field of instruction inputted by video email sender for instructing email recipient accessing video in the event there were no known video formats or video player installed on recipient computer disk and desktop settings.

36. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further step of creating an input image field of instruction inputted by video email sender for instructing email recipient accessing video in the event there were no known video formats or video player installed on recipient computer disk and desktop settings.

37. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 17 including the further steps of sending and receiving attachment files of any size;

locating an attachment file in any disk storage media format including network systems; and storing attachments as a list for immediate or future adding or deletion when sending a video email.

38-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Original) A method for sending a video email comprising the steps of sending one video email per recipient; sending multiple recipients in a Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) format for bulk mailing; setting video email user defined parameters specifying: 1. number of recipients bulked (grouped) together where value zero is regarded as all recipients; 2. number of seconds interval between each transmission ranging from 1 second to any value send of video email defines; 3. number of sequential bulk sent at any given time ranged from 1 to a preselected value specified by the video email sender; and 4. resetting the number of bulk sent after connection to a SMTP server, this value also preselected by the video email sender.

41. (Original) A method according to claim 40 further including the steps of creating confirmation of successful transmission of sent email; displaying errors of unsuccessful transmission of sent email along with its reasoning; and showing related statistics about sent video email.

42. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 40 including the further steps of creating an automatic method for setting up video email settings by creating a step-by-step wizard helping video email sender to:

- a. get introduced and acquainted to [[the]] a procedure;
- b. set up SMTP, POP3 and Authorized Email Addresses;
- d. set up and verifying POP3 User Name, POP3 Password, and Reply Email Account;
- e. customize the settings for the video email sender to:
 1. not connect to POP3 Account;
 2. log on to the SMTP Server using:
 - a. [[the]] a same user name as the POP3 Account;
 - b. log on as a different user with different password;
 - c. finalize the settings by testing the parameters and verifying all accuracies; and
 - d. display any and all inaccuracies for video email sender correction.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for sending video email to recipients comprising the steps of:

- i. generating video emails containing video, graphics and audio content;
- ii. establishing an intelligent video streaming server;
- iii. storing generated video emails in the intelligent video streaming server;
- iv. determining in the intelligent video streaming server an intelligent scoring algorithm for playing [[the]] an optimum settings of video for a video email recipient or a web browser;
- v. establishing a gateway to access the intelligent video streaming server from an Internet browser or through a video email generator;
- vi. setting up security settings for a plurality of users for access to content based on a predetermined level of authorization and access;
- vii. defining each user's ability to access [[the]] a secured site by properly entering user identification and password driven input identifying user's access to the site;
- viii. allowing user managed, video, audio, animation, and images folders;

- ix. allowing users to edit and change password settings by entering [[the]] an old password, and entering [[the]] a new password and confirming the new password once more; and
- x. allowing video, audio and image formats defined by an Administrator assigning type of extension that would be permitted for uploading and streaming.

44. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further step of allowing users to create limited video, audio, and image folders limited only to disk space.

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further step of allowing renaming of video, audio, and imaging folders by preselected users.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 including the further step of allowing users to determine [[the]] a most optimal automatic playing decision criteria by using a scroll bar.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47 including the further step of defining [[the]] a best video, audio and image viewing experience in form of scalable scroll bar that is measured from one extreme for best quality video versus another extreme for optimized downloading speed.

49. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further step of displaying on a computer screen a control panel to enable a user to manage video, audio and image files stored in the intelligent video streaming server.

50. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further step of including in the video emails an animation file.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50 including the further step of programming the video email so that the animation is displayed before the video, audio and image is displayed on a computer screen.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 including the further step of programming the video email so that the animation is displayed in a way to compensate for streaming video hashing, streaming and latency.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 including the further step of displaying on a computer screen usage showing allocated amount of disk space against [[the]] an actual usage of disk space.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 including the further step of wherein the determining in the intelligent video streaming server an intelligent scoring algorithm for playing the optimum settings of video for a video email recipient or a web browser includes using an algorithm together with a conformity file using information about an email recipient's computer.

55. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further step of storing multiple video contents based on different settings supported by media player formats including:

1. Microsoft Media Player
2. Real Networks Real One
3. Apple Quick Time
4. MPEG-1, 2, 4
5. Macromedia Flash

56. (Original) The method of claim 43 further including the step of converting a video content into several video, audio and image formats and storing them into video, audio, and image folders and storing in the intelligent video streaming server.

57. (Original) The method of claim 43 further including the step of establishing a secured upload of video, audio and image files.

58. (Original) The method of claim 43 further including the step of associating for video, audio, and image types based on supported media player formats for providing knowledge base to the algorithm of the intelligent video streaming server.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 further including the step of automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code using input supplied by video format, bandwidth, and file extension and incorporating such knowledge into the video email video input field for assuring emailing [[the]] a correct video.

60. (Original) The method of claim 43 further including the step of automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code for use in conjunction with any web site, for streaming intelligent video, audio, and animation based on measured bandwidth and video format.

61. (Original) The method of claim 43 further including the step of using decision criteria in the algorithm based on user decisions on quality of video versus speed of download to enable a web browser to display a video without regard to selecting the speed of connection, media format type, and change in personal computer desktop settings restrictions and preference.

62. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the algorithm determines quality versus speed and orders streaming for most suitable video, audio, and image for email recipient or web browsing streaming experience.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 including the further steps of automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code residing at the intelligent video streaming server based on the algorithm detecting automatically [[the]] a most suitable video streaming for emailing or viewing experience by assigning values to speed, bandwidth connection, media format and creating a "Certainty Factor" and wherein [[the]] a highest computational variables so determined are associated with video format, connection speed, desktop settings and user preferences for streaming or emailing for viewing experience on a computer screen.

64. (Original) The method of claim 43 including the further steps of creating formats for web hosting wherein a web site owner can select for presentation one of intelligent pop-up video, audio, and image; using client desktop settings and media player; playing

video from within a web page along side with other text and images and using computer language codes such as HTML, JavaScript, XML to display video, audio, and image.

65-77. (Cancelled)

78. (Original) A method for viewing intelligent video by an email recipient comprising the steps of; going online through use of TCP/IP or Internet; accessing a web based email programs hosted online that transmits intelligent video; signing on as an authorized user with password; sending and receiving email; and setting security option to "Internet" browsing.

79. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for generating a video email comprising:

- a. means for providing a set of a plurality of videos with identical content, wherein each of the videos is encoded to play on different video players and/or encoded with different video resolution-video for display on computer screen;
- b. means for providing a skin image for display with each of the plurality of videos on a computer screen;
- c. means for correlating the videos and the skin image positions in a pre-d. to a conformity file which includes a plurality of video formats for different video players and different video resolutions;
- d. means for sending an email to a recipient's computer;
- e. means for receiving, in response to the email, a request from the recipient's computer with information about the recipient's computer to display a selected video from the set of a plurality of videos and the skin image; and
- f. means for selecting automatically from the conformity file using the information about the recipient's computer, a video from the set of videos for display on the recipient's computer.
- d. means for selected matrix to display on a computer screen;
- e. means for establishing a sender's email address;
- f. means for establishing a subject heading for broadcasting a video email;
- g. means for creating a link to the skin image and a link to the video for integrated access and uploading; and

~~h. means for creating the ability to fetch and display the skin image and the video
— for display on a computer screen of a recipient in the pre-selected matrix.~~

80. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein means are provided for storing the video at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site.

81. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein the video is a file and means are provided to storing the video in a streaming server.

82. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein means are provided for storing the skin image at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site.

83. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein means are provided for storing the video at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site for integrated access and uploading.

84. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein means are provided for storing the video and the skin image at one of a streaming server, designated IP Address, and a web site for integrated access and uploading.

85. (Original) Apparatus of claim 79 wherein means are provided for creating an action label in form of text or image connecting to at least one of a link, email address, web page, and IP address.

86-91. (Cancelled)

92. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for placement of a video clip comprising means for creating an email to which is associated a video clip and an image file, means for sending the email from an email sender to an email recipient and means for enabling the image file to be displayed and the video clip to be played automatically when the email arrives in [[the]] a recipient's mailbox.

93. (Original) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 wherein the video clip is an attachment.

94. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for playing the video clip automatically within [[the]] a skin image file in a position defined on a computer screen by the email sender.

95. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for playing the video clip automatically when the email recipient clicks on a designated area of [[the]] a skin image file as defined by the email sender.

96. (Original) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for popping up the video on a computer screen and playing automatically.

97. (Original) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for establishing authorized authentication, direct connection, and video access through an intelligent video streaming server for uploading of a video file to the intelligent video streaming server.

98. (Original) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 97 including means for establishing an automated link and its automatic paste entry of video streaming code from the intelligent video streaming server into the video clip input field.

99. (Original) A method for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for establishing an input link to at least one of an IP specific address, a streaming server and a web site where video file is located for entering designated location of video file(s).

100. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for creating [[the]] an ability for input link to video files based on formats available from Microsoft Media Player Format, Real Network's Real One Formats, Apple Quick Time Formats, Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) Formats, and Macromedia Flash Formats.

101. (Original) Apparatus for placement of a video clip according to claim 92 including means for establishing variable video formats for broadband and modem connection

and broadcasting streamed from at least one of an intelligent video streaming server, a designated IP Address, a video streaming server and a web site.

102. (Cancelled)

103. (Original) Apparatus for sending a video email comprising means for sending one video email per recipient; means for sending multiple recipients in a Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) format for bulk mailing to expedite sending; means for setting video email user defined parameters specifying: 1. number of recipients bulked (grouped) together where value zero is regarded as all recipients; 2. number of seconds interval between each transmission ranging from 1 second to any value send of video email defines; 3. number of sequential bulk sent at any given time ranged from 1 to a preselected value specified by the video email sender; and 4. resetting the number of bulk sent after connection to a SMTP server, this value also preselected by the video email sender to facilitate sending.

104. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 103 further including means for creating confirmation of successful transmissions of sent email; displaying errors of unsuccessful transmissions of sent email along with its reasoning; and showing related statistics about sent video email.

105. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for programming the video email with an animation that is displayed before the video, audio and image are displayed on a computer screen to cover [[the]] a delay in display.

106. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 105 wherein the animation is displayed in a way to compensate for streaming video hashing, streaming and latency.

107. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for storing multiple video contents based on different settings supported by media player formats including:

1. Microsoft Media Player
2. Real Networks Real One
3. Apple Quick Time
4. MPEG-1, 2, 4

5. Macromedia Flash

to enable a better choice of player format.

108. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for converting a video content into several video, audio and image formats to provide versatility and means for incorporating them into video, audio, and image folders for easier access and means for storing the folders in ~~[[the]]~~ an intelligent video streaming server to enable quick fetching.

109. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for associating for video, audio, and image types based on supported media player formats for providing knowledge base to an algorithm of an intelligent video streaming server.

110 (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code using input supplied by video format, bandwidth, and file extension and incorporating such knowledge into the video email video input field for assuring emailing ~~[[the]]~~ a correct video.

111. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code for use in conjunction with any web site, for streaming intelligent video, audio, and animation based on measured bandwidth and video format.

112. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 103 including means for using decision criteria in an algorithm based on user decisions on quality of video versus speed of download to enable a web browser to display a video without regard to selecting the speed of connection, media format type, and change in personal computer desktop settings restrictions and preference.

113. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 112 wherein the algorithm determines quality versus speed and orders streaming for most suitable video, audio, and image for email recipient or web browsing streaming experience.

114. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 112 including means for automatically creating an intelligent detection computer code residing at the intelligent video streaming server based on the algorithm detecting automatically the most suitable video streaming for emailing or viewing experience by assigning values to speed, bandwidth connection, media format and creating a "Certainty Factor" and wherein [[the]] a highest computational variables so determined are associated with video format, connection speed, desktop settings and user preferences for streaming or emailing for viewing experience on a computer screen.

115-121. (Cancelled)